

General Council Meeting

December 5, 2018

7:00-8:30 p.m.

HUB 302

UC Riverside

AGENDA

01. Roll Call (7:00pm)

02. Announcements

a. Winter Break GSA Office Closure (see email attachment)

b. Other announcements from Reps

Visual arts Open studios this Sat

Advisory council for campus art

Art for GSA office

03. Approve minutes from last meeting

a. Online: gsa.ucr.edu

Vote M/S/A

04. Approve General Council Agenda

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05. Guest Speaker: Title IX Presentation - Brooke Chang

Cultural change

Jan Course Title IX laws changing higher ed

Course goal: Prepare future admin and staff with regards to Title IX

Q: Why

A: Hold federal funding over us if we fail to comply. UCs reporting is that if you are a TA you need to report any incidents reported to you by a student. Mandatory reporter - electronically via email. Survivor direct reporting via the website.

Q: Student prevented a sexual assault with a weapon they were not supposed to have?

A: Taken into account during investigation - 2 trained investigators would evaluate the case. Mandatory reporting still required. Using a weapon is a very serious situation - must be reported.

Q: Professors force students not to report an issue concerning another student because the professor benefits from another student. How do students empower themselves in that situation?

A: Reports information is considered private. We do not publicly disclose the reporters information. Reporting in makes sure survivor is protected and have appropriate safety measures.

Q: Power gap of professor over grad students so grey area of reporting?

A: Retaliation protection - work closely with deans and chair to protect you from professor. Alternative is a hostile work environment progresses resulting in you dropping out.

Q: If we are off campus and student tells us outside are role at UCR?

A: If they are connected to you via some other means maybe not. If you only know them as a student, then yes. If a non UCR affiliate is involved, we do not have authority to act needs reported to police department.

Q: Current admin stance has allowed victim to be cross examined by accused

A: Proposed on Nov 16. Documents in opposition have been issued. 60 day comment period. Please comment on it at the department of education web page. Ongoing litigation against many of these regulations.

Follow-up: If these measures pass, is UC required to implement?

A: depends on the wording in the final measures

Q: In light of stories in #metoo, what are options if Title IX fails a survivor?

A: We investigate. Student conduct determines on those findings and issues discipline. If faculty, goes to faculty senate and make decision on what discipline occurs. Staff member goes to HR.

Q: When exactly are grad students mandated reporter? If colleague reports to us, are we mandated reporters?

A: If any student reports to you.

Follow-up: What context?

A: In the context of your employment. If unsure, call office for consult.

Q: Clarify about Sandival?

A: Report on-line

Follow-up: Disturbing that this happened and we find out about it through backwards email.

Audience comment: Detailed emails sent.

Q: What can Title IX do to make your situation feasible if a PI is involved?

A: You may have to work under someone else. National agencies now require reporting on their grants, often resulting in removal from the grant.

Contact in pamphlet.

06. Guest Speaker: Mini GSA Registrations - Adam Daniels
Read off list of groups in danger of becoming inactive
Registering needs to happen - update officers
I can help grad student groups with:

Fundraising (corporate sponsorship), elections/impeachment/coup, campus red tape and event planning

07. Guest Speaker: Dena Plemmons

Research ethics program across grad students, post docs, and PIs

Various offerings throughout year

Course

Willing to come to lab meeting

Common areas of ethical regulations that should be explored between grad students and PIs

08. Guest Speaker: Hillary Jenks (Grad Success)

a. Winter Term Items: Grad Slam, Tax workshop, etc.

Grad slam registration: Jan 7 - 28

Gradsuccess peer support office hours

Tax workshop winter quarter - how do we do this

Q: will someone know how to do this for international students?

A: hopefully, let me check. Email me tomorrow so I can double check.

Follow-up: International students have it every year.

b. Grad Advisor Orientation

09. Website update (Amy)

10. Finance update (Michael)

End of year parties

Reimbursements fill-out and turn in as soon as possible

Even if the event has not happened yet, we can still process it.

Angelica would like them by the 10th

11. Conference Travel Grant Electronic Submission update (Judit)

Program is finished. Still not using it as of yet.

Softroll out - We want 20ish testing group will do both paper and electronics.

January meeting demonstration

Q: March applications soft or hard?

A: We will evaluate and come up with a timeline.

Q: Receipts scanned or hard copy?

A: University accounting requires hard copy.

12. Grad Happy Hours at the Getaway, Tuesdays (PRO)

Happy hour pricing applies - must say you are a grad student

a. Mini-GSAs sponsorships?

Sponsorship = a few appetizers

Most mini-GSAs do not spend all of their money. Great opportunity to spend.
Open to all grad students.

b. December 11 th – Chancellor Wilcox attending
One of the social events people requested

Q: Do we need grad student ID?

A: You do not need it for the grad happy hour pricing, only need it for logging in when GSA buys appetizers.

Q: How will the popularity of happy hour affect the budget?

A: We can afford to spend what is in the budget. Social going out is good for grad student mental health so we are ok spending on this.

Q: Would you all consider doing this but at a different venue?

A: What other options are there for a venue within walking distance to campus.

Follow-up: What about botanical gardens?

A: Impractical.

Follow-up: None alcoholic?

A: You do not have to drink. Game night is another alt.

A: Have a mini-GSA event. You can reserve HUB rooms.

A: Barn will represent another venue.

A: Must have permit to serve alcohol on campus.

Q: Help on applying for permits:

A: Ask Adam Daniels, maybe PRO and VPAA

13. Presidential Updates

a. UCPath updates

i. ucpathhelp@ucr.edu, cc: gsaucr@ucr.edu, riverside@uaw2865.org

The best venue for help is ucpathhelp@ucr.edu.

Emergency situation let us know - someone is facing getting evicted, etc.
Most errors are in campus: department and shared service. Generating automatic checks is easy - off cycle checks not so much. Our goal is to speed up off cycle checks. UCPath is reprogramming to increase processing speed of off cycle checks.

We need to reinforce as a group I can't wait.

Campus is considering covering late fees.

You are not getting your department in trouble. We need a sense of where the problem is.

ii. Potential for reimbursements

iii. Overpayments

File a grievance with the union - sometimes result in some money knocked off the overpayment.

Q: clarification of department, shared service, UCPATH?

A: Most of the initial errors are department or shared service mistakes on some level.

A: UCPATH is aggravating issues that used to be resolved quickly and internally.

UCPATH will be here at the next meeting.

Be respectful.

We are leading the interaction with UCPATH.

b. GradLounge – Card Access update

To prevent undergrads from accessing

Closed Friday and Saturday to put in hardware

Coffee and snacks in GSA office

c. VCBAS Search update

still interviewing

oversee UCPATH and other services

go to public forums if possible

write public comment

d. Policing recommendations, contact Shawn for more information, gsaucr@ucr.edu

Communicate info from GSC with departments

Grad advisors failed to show up for orientation - encourage advisor to attend

Policing recommendations

e. Grad Housing ad hoc Committee, email vpaa.gsa@ucr.edu

Need a list of who wants to be on it

14. VPAA Highlights

Respond to committee

a. GSA Grad Student Game Bank and coffee at office

To borrow games, email Sid, take home, and return.

Some games have waitlist.

Will be on website soon.

b. Mini GSA Reimbursement-turn in receipts, quarter ends Dec 14 th

Email me if you have problems turning in on time.

Add 10 minutes to meeting. M/S/A

15. Events and Allocations Recommendations

a. Show and Prove Hip Hop steps Dance Conference, Department of Dance, Dec 7-9, \$1000 - downtown riverside - originally showcase for grad students but now include undergrads and community.

Vote M/S/Y-46, N-0, A-0

16. Department of Education proposed changes to Title IX: Public Comment is open and due January 28 th

a. View the proposed policy changes and submit comment here:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/29/2018-25314/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal>

b. See UC's statement here:
<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/university-california-troubled-proposed-changes-sexual-harassment-rules>

Investigatory to hearing process
Changes to definition of sexual harassment
Level of evidence threshold

17. GPC Updates

EVPs from UC campuses

Stephanie just elected president

a. Arielle appointed Director of University Affairs

Meetings with board of regents

b. Submitted comment on Taskforce for Universitywide Policing

c. Call for presentations for Campus Climate Conference open until Jan 16 th -See the UC Graduate and Professional Council Facebook page for application link

d. Release public documents: Advocacy agenda, Statement on Anti-Semitism, Statement on Transphobia

e. Seeking input from international students on OPT (optional practical training) and CPT (curricular practical training)

f. Seeking UCR grad representatives for the Title IX system-wide advisory board-email evp.gsa@ucr.edu if interested

18. Looking Ahead: January 9 th Meeting

a. STEM High school guest speaker

b. UC Path

19. Looking Ahead: January 31 st Lego Grad Student - eventbrite tickets

20. Adjourn

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